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16 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

17 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

18 NEVADA POWER COMPANY d/b/a NV Energy
and SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY
19 d/b/a NV Energy,

20 Plaintiffs,

21 v.

22 TRENCH FRANCE, S.A.S. and TRENCH
23 LIMITED,

24 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:19-cv-01252-JAD-VCF

ORDER

**AMENDED STIPULATION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND
TO PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSES TO
TRENCH DEFENDANTS' OBJECTION
TO FEBRUARY 21, 2020 ORDER AND
TRENCH DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO
STAY (ECF NO. 54) FEBRUARY 21,
2020 ORDER (ECF NO. 59) PENDING
RULING ON OBJECTIONS**

(Amended First Request)

(ECF No. 73)

27 Plaintiffs filed their Response to Trench Defendants' Objections to February 21, 2020 Order
28 and their Response to Trench Defendants' Motion to Stay (ECF No. 64) February 21, 2020 Order

(ECF No. 59) Pending Ruling on Objections on March 20, 2020 (ECF Nos. 68 and 69, respectively). Defendants Trench Limited and Trench France, S.A.S. (collectively “Defendants”) deadline to reply was March 27, 2020. Prior to the expiration of that deadline, the Plaintiffs and Defendants stipulated (ECF No. 70) and respectfully requested an order that Defendants shall have up to and including April 3, 2020 to reply to Plaintiffs’ Response to Trench Defendants’ Objections to February 21, 2020 Order and their Response to Trench Defendants’ Motion to Stay (ECF No. 64) February 21, 2020 Order (ECF No. 59) Pending Ruling on Objections. The court denied the request without prejudice on March 31, 2020 (ECF No. 72).

Pursuant to LR IA 6-1, defendants amend their requested extension in light of scheduling difficulties created by the COVID-19 pandemic. As this Court is aware, COVID-19 is a global pandemic of unprecedented scope, both in terms of worldwide public health and economic distress. The President has declared it a national emergency and the Governor of Nevada ordered a closure of all non-essential businesses. Local, national, and global declarations from the Governors from many States, the President of the United States, the Centers for Disease Control, and the World Health Organization, all emphasize that work routines at every level have, and must be, disrupted due to the spread of COVID-19. *See CDC, Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers (2020), available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>; EEOC, Pandemic Preparedness in the Workplace and the Americans with Disabilities Act (2020), available at https://www.eeoc.gov/facts/pandemic_flu.html; OSHA, Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19 (2020), available at <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>.*

Counsel for defendants are working remotely and having to coordinate with clients and local counsel, who are also all working remotely. These circumstances have created some logistical difficulties. As such, the Trench defendants timely requested Plaintiffs’ counsel’s consent to extend the briefing deadline by only one week, and Plaintiffs agreed. For these reasons, the parties amend their first request that Defendants shall have up to and including April 3, 2020 to reply to Plaintiffs’ Response to Trench Defendants’ Objections to February 21, 2020 Order and their Response to Trench Defendants’ Motion to Stay (ECF No. 64) February 21, 2020 Order (ECF No. 59) Pending Ruling on Objections.

1 This extension is made in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

2 DATED this 31st day of March, 2020.

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED:

19 Dated: April 1, 2020.

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22 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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